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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(Currently amended). A tensioner lever comprising:  
an elongated slide rail for sliding engagement with a  
traveling, endless, flexible, transmission medium  
extending along the direction of elongation of the  
slide rail; and

a rail support extending along the direction of  
elongation of the slide rail and supporting the  
slide rail;

wherein said rail support has a pivoting hole for  
mounting on a pivot shaft extending from an engine  
block, said pivoting hole having an inner  
circumferential surface, and a boss portion  
surrounding said pivoting hole, said boss portion  
having a seating surface for engagement with an  
engine block;

wherein the elongated slide rail and the rail support ~~are~~  
integrally have a unitary core, formed of a high-  
strength, ~~first polymer~~ glass fiber-reinforced,  
polyamide 66 resin;

wherein ~~the~~ said unitary core of the elongated slide rail  
and the rail support, ~~including said inner~~  
~~circumferential surface of the pivoting hole and~~  
~~said seating surface of the boss portion,~~ are is  
entirely covered by a wear-resistant covering

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composed of a ~~wear-resistant second polymer~~  
polyamide 66 resin;  
wherein parts of said wear-resistant covering form the  
inner circumferential surface of said pivoting hole  
and said seating surface of said boss portion ; and  
wherein said covering, and the unitary core of said  
elongated slide rail, rail and said rail support,  
~~and said covering~~ are sandwich molded.

2-4(cancelled).